

Workgroup Budget Ideas

Proposal: Uniform Holiday Schedule

Implement a 14 day Uniform Holiday Schedule for day programs, look-alike day programs, and work activity programs.

Background Information on Program Area:

Eighteen regional centers currently establish a uniform holiday schedule varying from six to twelve days annually. The other three regional centers estimate that, on average, service providers have nine to ten holidays annually. DDS sets the uniform holiday schedule for work activity programs at ten holidays per year. By increasing the number of mandatory holidays to a uniform number statewide, savings to the general fund would be achieved. To add four days and minimize the impact on residential services, it is proposed that those additional days be during the week between December 25th and January 1st. The proposal is specific to the following services:

- 954 Work Activity Program
- 505 Activity Center
- 510 Adult Development Center
- 515 Behavior Management Program
- 525 Social Recreation Program
- 605 Adaptive Skills Trainer
- 805 Infant Development Program
- 110 Program Support Group - Day Service
- 028 Socialization Training Program
- 048 Client/Parent Support Behavior Intervention Training
- 055 Community Integration Training Program
- 063 Community Activities Support Services
- 091 In-Home Mobile Day Program
- 094 Creative Arts Program
- 425 Transportation-Family Member
- 875 Transportation Company
- 880 Transportation-Additional Component
- 882 Transportation-Assistant
- 883 Transportation Broker
- 890 Transportation-Auto Driver
- 895 Transportation-Public/Rental Car Agency/Taxi

The savings would be achieved both through the closure of day programs, look-alike day programs, and work activity programs, and all the associated transportation costs to and from those programs. Should a program elect to remain open it would not be funded by the regional centers for services and regional centers would not fund transportation on the specified days.

Please check applicable box(es):

- Trailer bill language
- Regulation change
- Waiver amendment/New waiver

Pros:

- Potential savings is significant.

Cons:

- Will have some impact on residential services providers, although it has been minimized by specifying the four days between December 25th and January 1st.
- Reduces the number of days consumers would be able to earn income in work activity programs, and any day or look-alike programs that support consumer employment.
- Could impact the ability of work activity programs and day programs supporting consumers who are doing contract work to meet the contract production demands.

Fiscal :

2009/10 Savings \$22.0 million TF (\$16.3 million GF)

Annual Savings \$22.0 million TF (\$16.3 million GF)

Assumption:

Closure of all day programs, look-alike day programs, work activity programs and transportation services.

Transportation savings adjusted for impact of transportation proposal.